



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Public Hearing to Consider Adopting Resolution Certifying Mitigated Negative Declaration 11-02; Approve Plans and Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for Hutchins Street Reconstruction Project

MEETING DATE: March 21, 2012

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Public hearing to consider adopting resolution certifying Mitigated Negative Declaration 11-02; approve plans and specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for Hutchins Street reconstruction project.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The proposed project will reconstruct and widen Hutchins Street from Lodi Avenue to Pine Street with asphalt concrete pavement, new sidewalks and handicap ramps (Exhibit A).

The existing pavement is in poor condition and the street width varies from block to block. Staff has completed the acquisition of all the necessary street easements to create a uniform width and to add a longer southbound left-turn lane at Lodi Avenue. The final improvements will improve ADA access, pedestrian safety, and traffic flow in the project area, especially near Hutchins Street Square. Bulb-outs are proposed to be installed in multiple locations to shorten the crosswalk distance and street lighting will be enhanced.

The Community Development Department has conducted an Initial Study to determine if the project has any potential for significant environmental impacts in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA). Based on the Initial Study, it was determined that the project would not have any significant impacts that could not be mitigated to a less than significant level. Based on that determination, the Community Development Department is recommending that the City Council adopt a resolution certifying Mitigated Negative Declaration 11-02 (Exhibit B) for the project. All notifications and review periods required by CEQA have been completed.

Staff recommends that City Council approve the plans and specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for the project. The project estimate for this project is \$1,000,000. The planned bid opening date is April 17, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT: There will be a decrease in the street maintenance cost for this section of Hutchins Street after the street reconstruction.

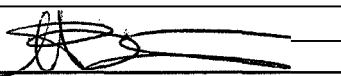
FUNDING AVAILABLE: This project will be funded by Measure K, Water, Wastewater, and Electric funds.

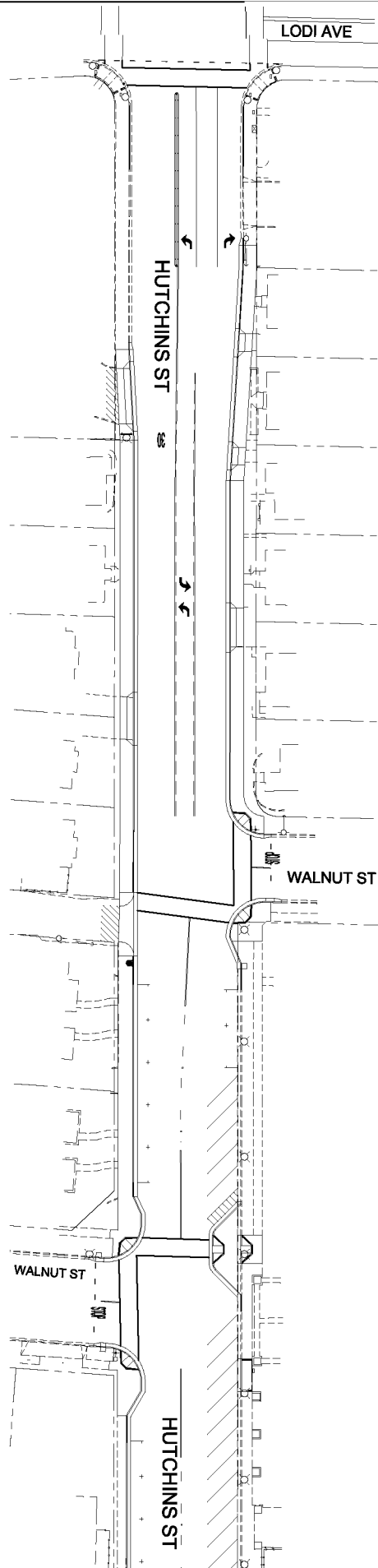
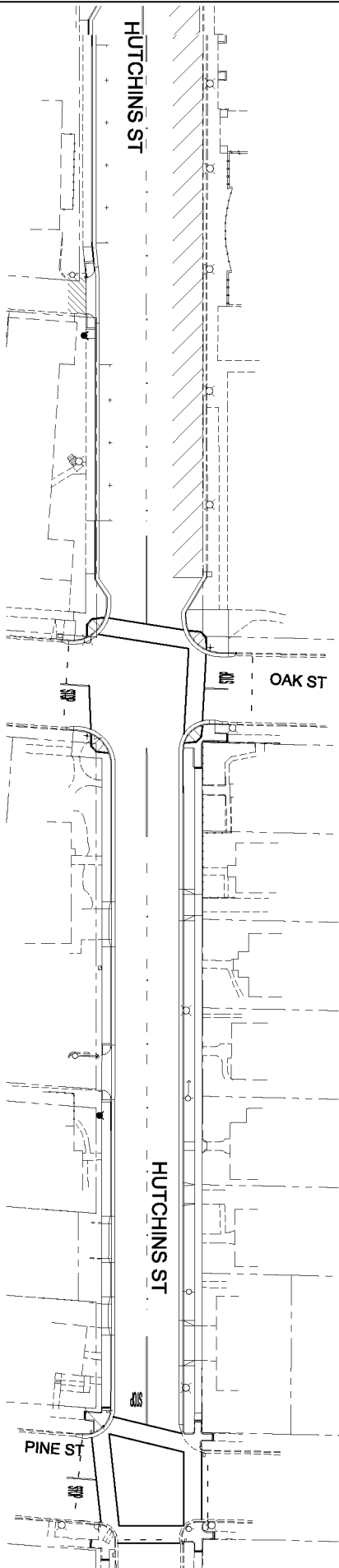
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Public Works Director

Prepared by Lyman Chang, Senior Civil Engineer
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Attachments
cc: Deputy Public Works Director - Utilities

APPROVED: _____


Konrad Bartlam, City Manager



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Draft
Final Mitigated Negative Declaration / Initial Study

For

HUTCHINS STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
SCH# 2011102015

February 2012

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PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Prepared pursuant to City of Lodi Environmental Guidelines, §§ 1.7 (c), 5.5

FILE NUMBER: 11-MND-02

PROJECT TITLE: Hutchins Street Reconstruction

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of reconstruction of Hutchins Street from Lodi Avenue to Pine Street. Hutchins Street at the moment is narrow at certain places and features abrupt pavement transitions, which could cause safety concerns. The existing pavement has extensive cracks and is past its service life. The proposed project intends to improve the surface quality of the roadway and enhance safety for both vehicles and pedestrians.

Part of the work also involves minor widening of the street to improve traffic safety and traffic flow; installation of new sidewalk, wheelchair ramps and driveways in compliance with the American with Disabilities Act requirements; and installation of energy efficient street lights. The proposed designs feature bulb outs aimed to reduce the crossing distance for pedestrian and to serve as a traffic calming device to reduce vehicle speed. Finally, because of street widening at certain section, additional street parking spaces would be created due to street widening at certain sections. The majority of the work will be done within the existing right-of-way. Acquisition of street easements from two properties located on the west side of Hutchins Street between Lodi Avenue and Walnut Street are required for the street widening. The street easement acquisition process has begun and the City is in the process of making an offer to the property owners. The widening also requires removal of a 17 street trees (mostly palm trees). The City intends to replace every tree removed at least at a ratio of 1:1 and will be plated at the DeBenedetti and Roget Parks. When the project is complete, better and safer access will be available to the homes and businesses in the area, as well as to Hutchins Street Square, and Lodi's Community Center.

PROJECT LOCATION: Hutchins Street is centrally located within the City limits. It's a north-south bound minor arterial street. Commercial and residential parcels abut Hutchins Street. Many of the businesses are in older commercial buildings or in converted residences. Most of the residential properties along Hutchins Street are older residential neighborhoods that contain a mix of single family and multi-family dwellings. Harney Lane forms the south end of the City limits and Hutchins Street turns into West Lane in the San Joaquin County jurisdiction.

APPLICANT:

City of Lodi Public Works Department
221 West Pine Street
Lodi, CA 95240

A copy of the Initial Study ("Environmental Information Form" and "Environment Checklist") documenting the reasons to support the adoption of a Negative Declaration is available at the **City of Lodi Community Development Department, 221 West Pine Street, Lodi CA 95240.**

Mitigation measures are ☒ are not ☐ included in the project to avoid potentially significant effects on the environment.

The public review on the proposed Negative Declaration will commence on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 and ending on Friday, November 11, 2011.

The City will provide additional public notices when the public hearings have been scheduled to consider approval of the Negative Declaration.

Konradt Bartlam, Community Development Director

Date

CHAPTER 2 - INTRODUCTION

2.1 Purpose of the Final Initial Study

This document has been prepared to accompany the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the Hutchins Street Reconstruction Project. The Draft IS/MND identified the environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the plan and concluded no physical change to the environment or construction plans are proposed in conjunction with the proposed Hutchins Street Reconstruction Project. The purpose of the Hutchins Street Reconstruction Project, is to improve safety and traffic flow, improve the surface quality of the roadway and enhance safety for both vehicles and pedestrians. When the project is complete, better and safer access will be available to the homes and businesses in the area, as well as to Hutchins Street Square, Lodi's community center, which is located between Walnut Street and Oak Street.

The statutes and guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) require the Lead Agency to consult with public agencies having jurisdiction over a proposed project and to provide public and other interested parties with an opportunity to comment on a Draft IS/MND. This document responds to environmental issues raised in the comments on the Draft IS/MND.

2.2 – Environmental Review Process

The Draft IS/MND for the Hutchins Street Reconstruction Project was submitted to the State Clearinghouse (SCH # 2011102015) on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 for a 30-day public and agency review and comment, which ended on Friday, November 11, 2011. The Draft IS/ND was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Statutes (Public Resources Code [PRC] Sections 21000 et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, Section 15000 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations). The City of Lodi is the lead agency for CEQA compliance.

In accordance with the CEQA Statutes (PRC Section 21092) and Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, public notice of the Draft IS/MND was provided by the City of Lodi through publication of an announcement in the Lodi Sentinel on October 15, 2011. In accordance with Section 15105(b) of the CEQA Guidelines, the City provided a 30-day public review period for the Draft IS/ND, commenced on **October 12, 2011** and ended on **November 11, 2011**.

The public notice published in the Lodi Sentinel included details on how to obtain copies of the Draft IS/MND. Additional notification methods were also used, including: mailing copies of the Draft IS/MND to various agencies, posting the Notice of Availability (NOA) at the City's website; and mailing the NOA to property owners of record within a 300-foot radius of the Project site. The NOA included information on how to obtain copies of the Draft IS/ND and how to provide comments on the document.

The City received three comment letters on the Draft IS/MND during the 30-day public and agency comment period. These three comment letters are addressed in Chapter 3 of this document. This Final IS/MND has been prepared to respond to the comments received by the City that address environmental issues related to the Draft IS/MND, in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines.

2.3 Project description

The City of Lodi (City) proposes to reconstruct a 0.3-mile-long section of Hutchins Street from Lodi Avenue to Pine Street. Hutchins Street is a two-lane street in the central part of the City, and it passes by the City's Hutchins Street Square community center. Hutchins Street is narrow in places and has abrupt pavement transitions; furthermore, the existing pavement has extensive cracks and is past its service life. The purpose of the proposed project is to repair areas of failed or damaged pavement, to extend the service life of Hutchins Street, and to add safety elements that would benefit both motorists and pedestrians. The scope of work for the proposed project includes:

Street modification: The portion of Hutchins Street from Lodi Avenue to Oak Street would be slightly widened without adding new through lanes. The widening would accommodate a new two-way left turn lane between Lodi Avenue and Walnut Street, and a new one-way left-turn lane for traffic turning from northbound Hutchins Street to Walnut Street, and new diagonal parking spaces. Roadside "bulb-outs" would also be built at several locations to calm traffic by reducing vehicle speed and to improve pedestrian safety by shortening crosswalk lengths. Bulb-outs would be located on Hutchins Street at the intersections with Walnut Street and Oak Street.

Street light improvement and relocation: Some of the existing street lights along Hutchins Street would need to be moved to accommodate planned street improvements. All street lights within project limits would be upgraded to new energy-efficient lights in a style that matches the existing pedestal-type lights.

Tree removal: Seventeen City-owned trees would need to be removed to accommodate planned street improvements: nine (9) palm trees, four (4) crape myrtles, and five (5) Chinese pistaches. None of the existing landscaping in front of Hutchins Street Square would be affected. Removal of existing street trees would be offset by replacement tree plantings at DeBenedetti and Roget Parks in Lodi (Both parks are currently under development).

Driveway re-construction: Four (4) residential driveways and two (2) business driveways would be temporarily closed and rebuilt during project construction. The closure period would be kept as short as possible to minimize impacts. The affected businesses have alternate access via neighboring streets (other than Hutchins Street), and affected homes have alternate vehicle access via a rear alley.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance: New and existing sidewalks and wheelchair ramps and existing driveways would be modified to be in compliance with current ADA regulations.

Parking modification: Existing street-side parking on the east side of Hutchins Street between Walnut Street and Oak Street would be converted from parallel to diagonal parking spaces. This change would result in a net gain of one (1) parking space (from 12 to 13 spaces). Existing diagonal parking on the west side of Hutchins Street in front of Hutchins Street Square would remain.

Drainage work: Excavation to a maximum depth of five (5) feet would be required for construction of storm drain catch basins and laterals. The existing pavement surface on Hutchins Street would need to be ground down to prepare it for new pavement overlay. Existing white and yellow painted roadway striping and markings would be removed along with pavement grindings. The reconstructed Hutchins Street would be overlaid with new asphalt concrete, and roadway striping and markings would be replaced.

All construction work would be done on paved and previously-disturbed areas within existing City right of way. Full closure of Hutchins Street within project limits would be required to facilitate construction. During this time, traffic would be temporarily detoured to nearby local streets. Detours would be in effect for two to three weeks and would be implemented in stages to minimize impacts on nearby properties. There would be no change in property access when the project is completed.

2.4 Project Location

The project limits are located on Hutchins Street, between Lodi Avenue to the south and Pine Street to the north, within the incorporated City Limits. Hutchins Street is centrally located within the City limits. It's a north-south bound minor arterial street. Commercial and residential parcels abut the Hutchins Street. Many of the businesses are in older commercial buildings or in converted residences. Most of the residential properties along Hutchins Street are older residential neighborhoods that contain a mix of single family and multi-family dwellings. Harney Lane forms the south end of the City limits and Hutchins Street turns into West Lane in the San Joaquin County jurisdiction.

CHAPTER 3 - WRITTEN COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

The City received three (3) comment letters on the Draft IS/MND during the public and agency comment period. The following table lists the commenters and the dates of the letters. Each letter and individual comment has been assigned a letter/number designation for cross-referencing.

Also included at the end of this chapter is a letter from the State Clearinghouse. The letter acknowledges that the City of Lodi has complied with the State Clearinghouse draft environmental document review requirements, and indicates that one state agency submitted comments through the State Clearinghouse by the close of the comment period on May 11, 2011. All comment letters received are addressed in this Final IS/MND.

List of Commenters/Letters			
Designation	Commenter	Date of Letter	Comment Numbers
A	San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG, Inc.)	April 25, 2011	A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5,
B	Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 5 (Sacramento)	May 13, 2011	B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4, B-5, B-6
C	State Clearinghouse	May 16, 2011	C-1



S J C O G, Inc.

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San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation & Open Space Plan (SJMSCP)

**SJMSCP RESPONSE TO LOCAL JURISDICTION (RTLJ)
ADVISORY AGENCY NOTICE TO SJCOG, Inc.**

To: Lyman Chang, City of Lodi, Planning Division

From: Kimberly Juarez, SJCOG, Inc.

Date: May 24, 2011

Local Jurisdiction Project Title: Hutchins Street Reconstruction Project

Assessor Parcel Number(s):

Local Jurisdiction Project Number:

Total Acres to be converted from Open Space Use: 2 acres

Habitat Types to be Disturbed: Urban Habitat Land

Species Impact Findings: Findings to be determined by SJMSCP biologist.

Dear Mr. Chang:

SJCOG, Inc. has reviewed application Hutchins Street Reconstruction. This project consists of a Review Form application to reconstruct Hutchins Street from Lodi Avenue to Pine Street with asphalt concrete pavement and install concrete sidewalk and wheelchair ramps. Construction starts April 2012. Project is located on Hutchins Street, Lodi Avenue to Pine Street, Lodi, CA.

City of Lodi is a signatory to San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (SJMSCP). Participation in the SJMSCP satisfies requirements of both the state and federal endangered species acts, and ensures that the impacts are mitigated below a level of significance in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The LOCAL JURISDICTION retains responsibility for ensuring that the appropriate Incidental Take Minimization Measure are properly implemented and monitored and that appropriate fees are paid in compliance with the SJMSCP. Although participation in the SJMSCP is voluntary, Local Jurisdiction/Lead Agencies should be aware that if project applicants choose against participating in the SJMSCP, they will be required to provide alternative mitigation in an amount and kind equal to that provided in the SJMSCP.

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This Project is subject to the SJMSCP. This can be up to a 30 day process and **it is recommended that the project applicant contact SJMSCP staff February 2012, prior to start of construction.** It is also recommended that the project applicant obtain an information package. <http://www.sjco.org>

Please contact SJMSCP staff regarding completing the following steps to satisfy SJMSCP requirements:

- Schedule a SJMSCP Biologist to perform a pre-construction survey ***prior to any ground disturbance***
- Sign and Return Incidental Take Minimization Measures to SJMSCP staff (given to project applicant after pre-construction survey is completed)
- Pay appropriate fee based on SJMSCP findings. ***Fees shall be paid in the amount in effect at the time of issuance of Building Permit***
- Receive your Certificate of Payment and release the required permit

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It should be noted that if this project has any potential impacts to waters of the United States [pursuant to Section 404 Clean Water Act], it would require the project to seek voluntary coverage through the unmapped process under the SJMSCP which could take up to 90 days. It may be prudent to obtain a preliminary wetlands map from a qualified consultant. If waters of the United States are confirmed on the project site, the Corps and the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) would have regulatory authority over those mapped areas [pursuant to Section 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act respectively] and permits would be required from each of these resource agencies prior to grading the project site.

If you have any questions, please call (209) 235-0600.

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SJMSCP HOLD

TO: Local Jurisdiction: Community Development Department, Planning Department, Building Department, Engineering Department, Survey Department, Transportation Department,
Other:

FROM: Kimberly Juarez, SJCOG, Inc.

**DO NOT AUTHORIZE SITE DISTURBANCE
 DO NOT ISSUE A BUILDING PERMIT
 DO NOT ISSUE _____ FOR THIS PROJECT**

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The landowner/developer for this site has requested coverage pursuant to the San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (SJMSCP). In accordance with that agreement, the Applicant has agreed to:

- 1) Implement Incidental Take Minimization Measures (ITMMs) PRIOR to site disturbance. Do not authorize site disturbance until receipt of a signed Agreement to Incidental Take Minimization Measures (ITMMs) AND verification that all applicable ITMMs have been implemented.
- 2) Pay SJMSCP fees. Fees shall be paid in the amount in effect at the time of issuance of Building Permit (see also Appendix). Do not issue a Use Permit until receipt of a Certificate of Payment or Verification of Payment to the Local Jurisdiction (e.g., Receipt) AND verification that all applicable ITMMs have been implemented prior to ground disturbance.

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Project Title: Hutchins Street Reconstruction Project

Landowner: _____

Applicant: _____

Assessor Parcel #s: _____

T _____, R _____, Section(s): _____

Local Jurisdiction Contact: Lyman Chang

The LOCAL JURISDICTION retains responsibility for ensuring that the appropriate Incidental Take Minimization Measures are properly implemented and monitored and that appropriate fees are paid in compliance with the SJMSCP.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT A

Comment Letter A: San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG, Inc).

Response to Comment A-1

Thank you for your input on this important City project. This comment is note.

Response to Comment A-2

Thank you for your input on this important City project. This comment is note.

Response to Comment A-3

This comment is note. As standard practice, the City will contact the SJCOG for biological survey of the project site prior to issuance of a building permit for site grading.

Response to Comment A-4

This comment is note.

Response to Comment A-5

This comment is note.



**California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region
Katherine Hart, Chair**

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Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor

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Immanuel Bereket
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**COMMENTS TO DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, HUTCHINS STREET
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, SCH NO. 2011102015, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

Pursuant to the State Clearinghouse's 12 October 2011 request, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed the *Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration* for the Hutchins Street Reconstruction Project, located in San Joaquin County.

Our agency is delegated with the responsibility of protecting the quality of surface and groundwaters of the state; therefore our comments will address concerns surrounding those issues.

Construction Storm Water General Permit

Dischargers whose project disturb one or more acres of soil or where projects disturb less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres, are required to obtain coverage under the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activities (Construction General Permit), Construction General Permit Order No. 2009-009-DWQ. Construction activity subject to this permit includes clearing, grading, grubbing, disturbances to the ground, such as stockpiling, or excavation, but does not include regular maintenance activities performed to restore the original line, grade, or capacity of the facility. The Construction General Permit requires the development and implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

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For more information on the Construction General Permit, visit the State Water Resources Control Board website at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/constpermits.shtml

California Environmental Protection Agency



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Phase I and II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permits¹

The Phase I and II MS4 permits require the Permittees reduce pollutants and runoff flows from new development and redevelopment using Best Management Practices (BMPs) to the maximum extent practicable (MEP). MS4 Permittees have their own development standards, also known as Low Impact Development (LID)/post-construction standards that include a hydromodification component. The MS4 permits also require specific design concepts for LID/post-construction BMPs in the early stages of a project during the entitlement and CEQA process and the development plan review process.

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For more information on which Phase I MS4 Permit this project applies to, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/storm_water/municipal_permits/

Industrial Storm Water General Permit

Storm water discharges associated with industrial sites must comply with the regulations contained in the Industrial Storm Water General Permit Order No. 97-03-DWQ.

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For more information on the Industrial Storm Water General Permit, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/storm_water/industrial_general_permits/index.shtml.

Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit

If the project will involve the discharge of dredged or fill material in navigable waters or wetlands, a permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act may be needed for the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE). If a Section 404 permit is required by the USACOE, the Central Valley Water Board will review the permit application to ensure that discharge will not violate water quality standards. If the project requires surface water drainage realignment, the applicant is advised to contact the Department of Fish and Game for information on Streambed Alteration Permit requirements.

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If you have any questions regarding the Clean Water Act Section 404 permits, please contact the Regulatory Division of the Sacramento District of USACOE at (916) 557-5250.

Clean Water Act Section 401 Permit – Water Quality Certification

If an USACOE permit, or any other federal permit, is required for this project due to the disturbance of waters of the United States (such as streams and wetlands), then a Water Quality Certification must be obtained from the Central Valley Water Board prior to initiation of project activities. There are no waivers for 401 Water Quality Certifications.

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¹ Municipal Permits = The Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) Permit covers medium sized Municipalities (serving between 100,000 and 250,000 people) and large sized municipalities (serving over 250,000 people). The Phase II MS4 provides coverage for small municipalities, including non-traditional Small MS4s, which include military bases, public campuses, prisons and hospitals.

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Waste Discharge Requirements

If USACOE determines that only non-jurisdictional waters of the State (i.e., "non-federal" waters of the State) are present in the proposed project area, the proposed project will require a Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit to be issued by Central Valley Water Board. Under the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, discharges to all waters of the State, including all wetlands and other waters of the State including, but not limited to, isolated wetlands, are subject to State regulation.

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For more information on the Water Quality Certification and WDR processes, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/water_quality_certification/

If you have questions regarding these comments, please contact me at (916) 464-4745 or gsparks@waterboards.ca.gov.



Genevieve (Gen) Sparks
Environmental Scientist
401 Water Quality Certification Program

cc: State Clearinghouse Unit, Governor's Office of Planning and Research, Sacramento

RESPONSE TO COMMENT B

Comment Letter B: Regional Water Quality Control Bd., Region 5 (Sacramento)

Response to Comment B-1

Thank you for your input on this important City project. The City plans to obtain applicable and appropriate permits for the project.

Response to Comment B-2

The comment is noted. The City has implemented and applies low impact development/post-construction standards. The proposed project is subject to the City's requirements.

Response to Comment B-3

The City notes that there are no industrial stormwater discharge associated with the project.

Response to Comment B-4

The City notes the project does not involve discharge of dredged or fill material and the project is not near navigable waters or wetlands.

Response to Comment B-5

No USACOE permit is required as the project does not involve disturbance of waters of the United States.

Response to Comment B-6

There are non waters or waterways within the project limits.



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State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit



Ken Alex
Director

November 14, 2011

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City of Lodi
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPT
CITY OF LODI

Subject: Hutchins Street Reconstruction Project
SCH#: 2011102015

Dear Immanuel Bereket:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Mitigated Negative Declaration to selected state agencies for review. On the enclosed Document Details Report please note that the Clearinghouse has listed the state agencies that reviewed your document. The review period closed on November 10, 2011, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) enclosed. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

"A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation."

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These comments are forwarded for use in preparing your final environmental document. Should you need more information or clarification of the enclosed comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

Enclosures
cc: Resources Agency

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**Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

SCH# 2011102015
Project Title Hutchins Street Reconstruction Project
Lead Agency Lodi, City of

Type MND Mitigated Negative Declaration

Description The City of Lodi proposes to reconstruct a 0.3 mile long section of Hutchins Street from Lodi Avenue to Pine Street. Hutchins Street is a two-lane street in the central part of the City, and it passes by the City's Hutchins Street Square community center. Hutchins Street is narrow in places and has abrupt pavement transitions; furthermore, the existing pavement has extensive cracks and is past its service life. The purpose of the proposed project is to repair areas of failed or damaged pavement, to extend the service life of Hutchins Street, and to add safety elements that would benefit both motorists and pedestrians.

Lead Agency Contact

Name	Immanuel Bereket		
Agency	City of Lodi		
Phone	(209) 333-6711	Fax	
email			
Address	221 West Pine Street		
City	Lodi	State	CA Zip 95240

Project Location

County	San Joaquin
City	Lodi
Region	
Lat / Long	
Cross Streets	Lodi Avenue and Hutchins Street; Pine Street and Hutchins Street
Parcel No.	
Township	

	Range	Section	Base
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Proximity to:

Highways	Hwy 12
Airports	
Railways	UPRR
Waterways	
Schools	Liberty HS
Land Use	

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Noise

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Department of Fish and Game, Region 2; Department of Fish and Game, Region 3; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 10; Air Resources Board, Transportation Projects; Regional Water Quality Control Bd., Region 5 (Sacramento); Native American Heritage Commission; Public Utilities Commission; Delta Stewardship Council

Date Received	10/12/2011	Start of Review	10/12/2011	End of Review	11/10/2011
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Note: Blanks in data fields result from insufficient information provided by lead agency.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT E

Comment Letter E: Office of Planning and Research

This comment indicates that the State Clearinghouse submitted the IS/MND to selected state agencies for review, and that the comment period for the Draft MND concluded on November 10, 2011. The comment indicates that the lead agency complied with the review requirements for draft environmental documents pursuant to CEQA. As such, the comment does not provide specific comments regarding information presented in the IS/MND. No response is necessary.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
CERTIFYING THE FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION FOR THE HUTCHINS STREET
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT; STATE
CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2011102015

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lodi has heretofore held a duly noticed public hearing, as required by law, on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, in accordance with the Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the project proponent is City of Lodi, Public Works Department, 221 West Pine Street, Lodi, CA, 95240; and

WHEREAS, the project site is located on Hutchins Street, from Lodi Avenue to Pine Street; and

WHEREAS, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (File No. 11-MND-02) was prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and the Guidelines provided thereunder. The Community Development Department has determined that all environmental impacts that result from this project can be mitigated to a less than significant level; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2011, the Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and distributed to reviewing agencies, responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and the County Clerk in which the Project is located, as well as all persons requesting notice; and

WHEREAS, the NOA of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was published in the *Lodi News Sentinel* on October 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the required 30-day review period for this project commenced on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, and ended on Friday, November 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City received three written comments during the public review period and the comments were responded to and incorporated into the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the City Council approve the filing of a Mitigated Negative Declaration by the Community Development Director as adequate environmental documentation for the project; and

WHEREAS, all legal prerequisites to the approval of this request have occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council has reviewed all documentation and hereby certifies the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration as adequate environmental documentation for the Hutchins Street Reconstruction Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2011102015).

Dated: March 21, 2012


I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2012-29 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held March 21, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Johnson, Katzakian, Nakanishi,
and Mayor Mounce

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


JENNIFER M. ROBISON
Assistant City Clerk

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From: Wally Sandelin
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 07:22 AM
To: Jennifer Robison
Subject: FW: Proposed Hutchins Street Reconstruction Project

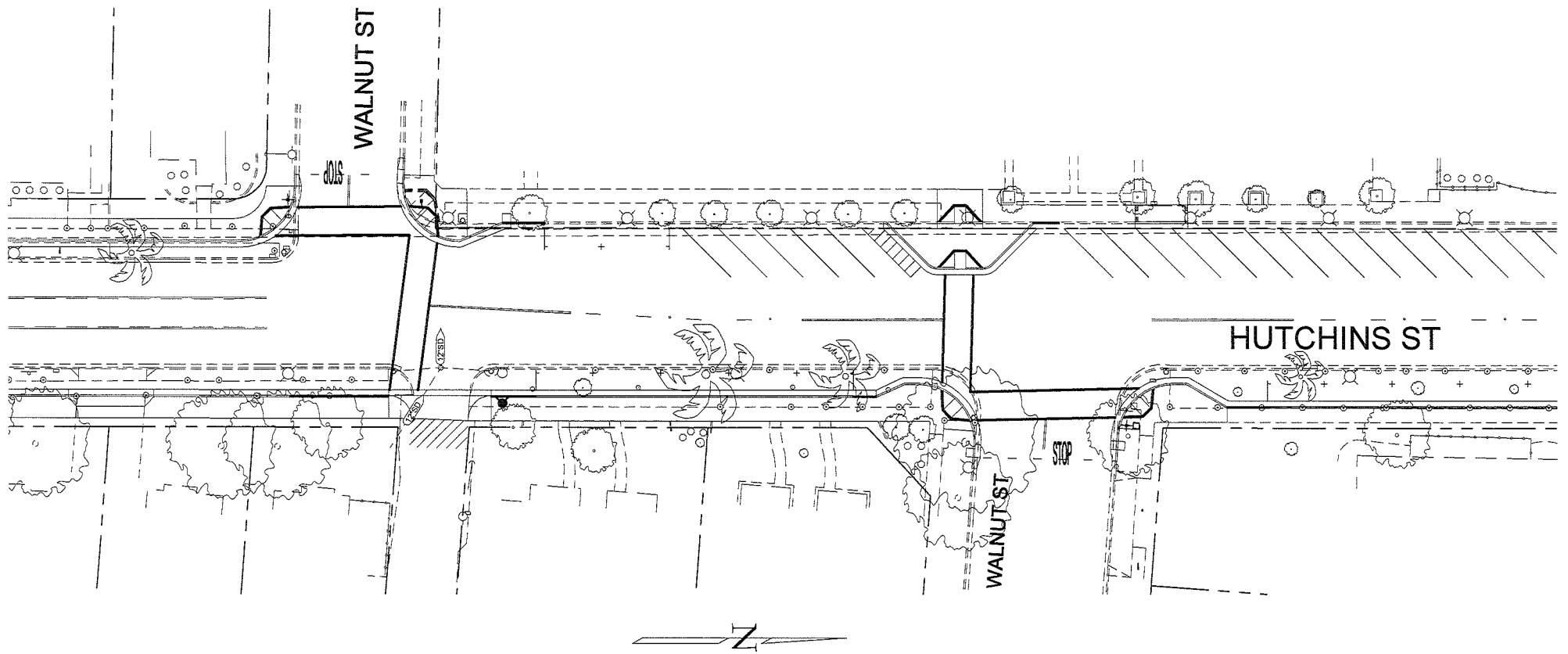
From: jimkharis@comcast.net [mailto:jimkharis@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 10:30 PM
To: Wally Sandelin
Cc: Randi Johl
Subject: Proposed Hutchins Street Reconstruction Project

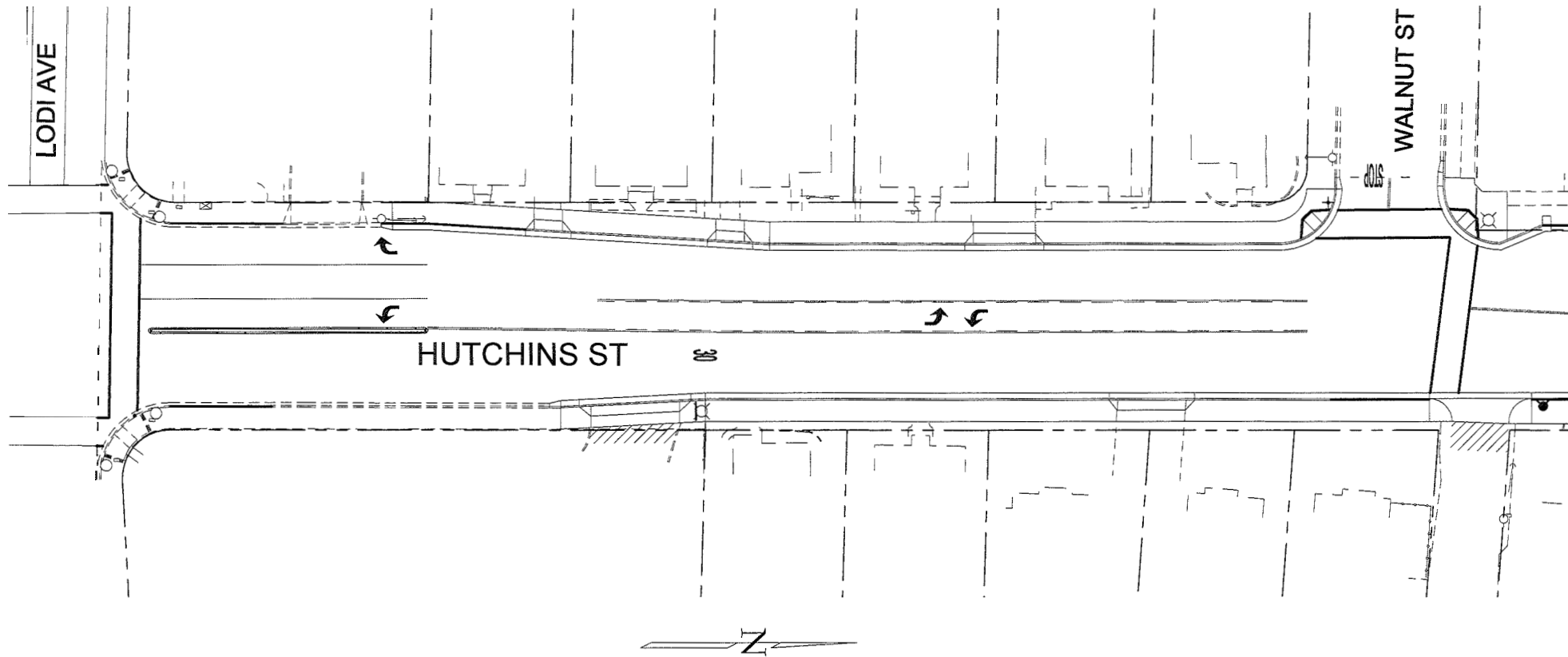
Mr. Sandelin

We are James G. Frank and Kharis E. Powell, both residents at and co-owners of the property at 12 South Hutchins Street in Lodi. We are officially contacting you to register our strong disagreement with plans to widen Hutchins Street in front of our home.

We called the City Clerk's office last week, and we were directed to speak with Lyman Chang, who we understand is involved in the planning process for the City of Lodi. Mr. Chang indicated that part of the reason for widening Hutchins Street was to make it safer for cars making turns at the corner of South Hutchins and Oak. Both of us have indeed been present when accidents have happened at that corner. However, widening the whole street can be expected to have no particular impact on accidents, since it will do little if anything to improve the visibility of cars traveling down Hutchins Street to cars waiting on the corner of Hutchins and Oak. Measures to prevent cars from parking near the intersection of Hutchins and Oak would make a real impact on this problem, not widening the road. Another advantage mentioned by Mister Chang was that the proposed curb would make a straight line on Hutchins Street between Lodi Ave and Pine Street.

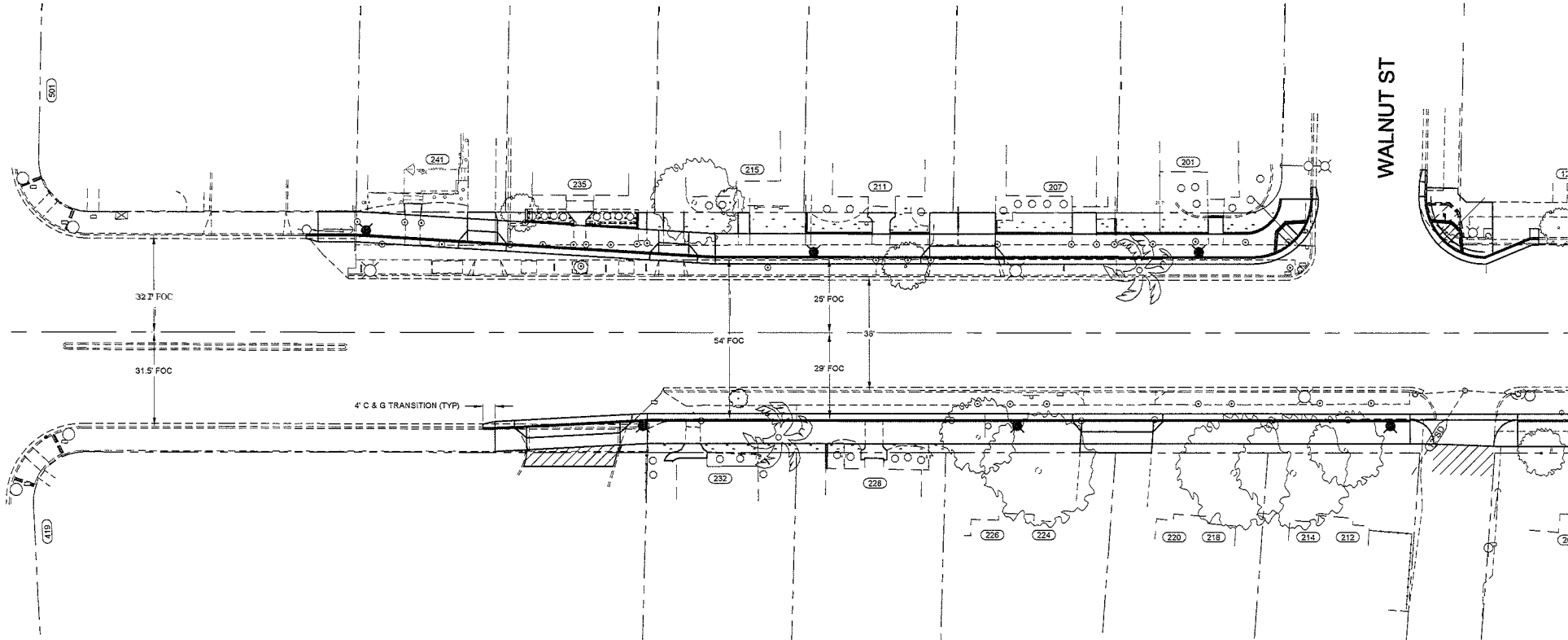
There would be clear negative impacts should the road be widened in front of our home. First, the traffic on South Hutchins will be several feet closer to our home. We already experience loud noise and rattling windows in our home, particularly from loud motorcycles and certain very loud trucks, some of which seem to have no mufflers. This can certainly be expected to decrease the value of our property. In addition, we frequently see children walking to nearby parks and Hutchins Street Square in front of our home, and your proposed changes would result in them being several feet closer to the street and its inherent dangers. We have had past difficulties of our own at times keeping our young daughter from going into the street, and this added danger will extend to other neighborhood children as well should your plans be followed.

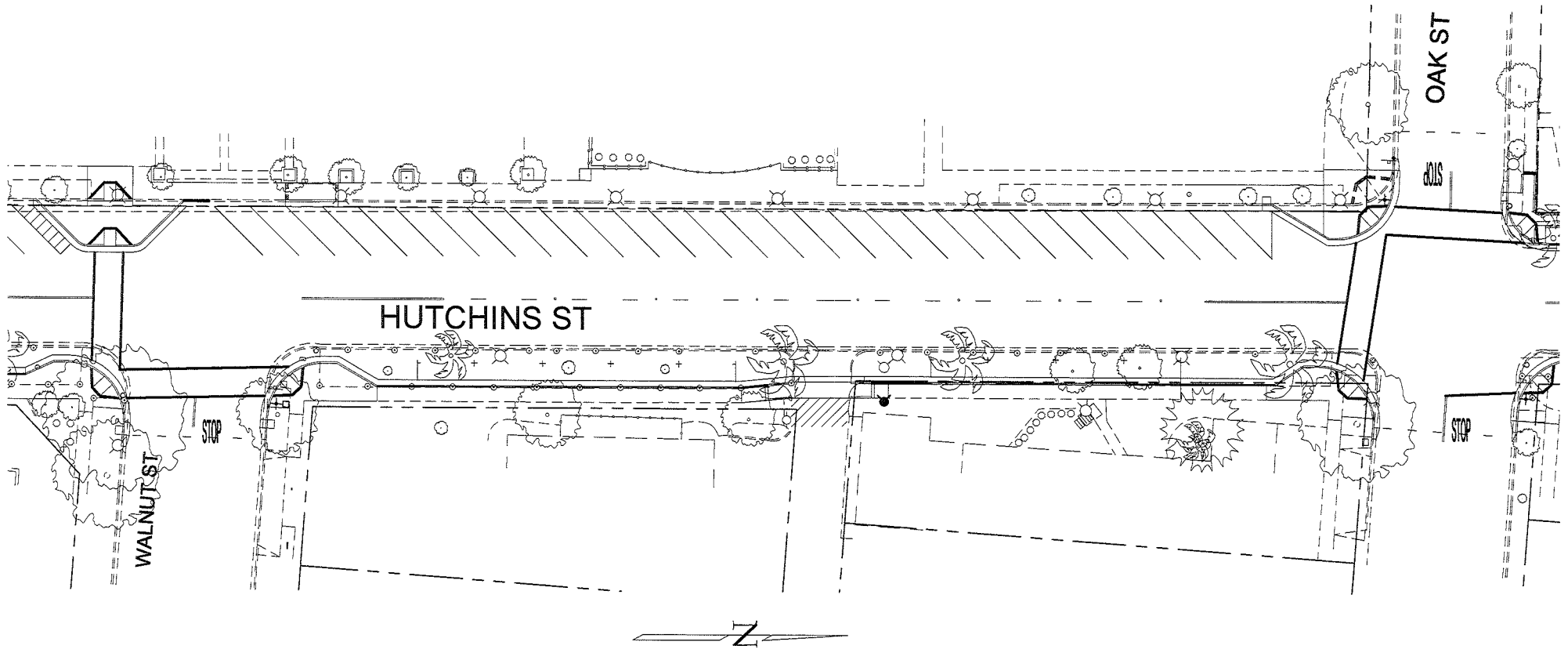




LODI AVE

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of this fax by calling 333-6702*

CITY OF LODI
P. O. BOX 3006
LODI, CALIFORNIA 95241-1910

ADVERTISING INSTRUCTIONS

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION
CERTIFYING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AS
ADEQUATE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR THE HUTCHINS
STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

PUBLISH DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2012

LEGAL AD


TEAR SHEETS WANTED: One (1) please

SEND AFFIDAVIT AND BILL TO:
LNS ACCT. #0510052

RANDI JOHL, CITY CLERK
City of Lodi
P.O. Box 3006
Lodi, CA 95241-1910

DATED: THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012

ORDERED BY: RANDI JOHL
CITY CLERK


JENNIFER M. ROBISON, CMC
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

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DECLARATION OF POSTING

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION CERTIFYING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AS ADEQUATE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR THE HUTCHINS STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

On Thursday, March 8, 2012, in the City of Lodi, San Joaquin County, California, a Notice of Public Hearing to consider adopting resolution certifying Mitigated Negative Declaration as adequate environmental document for the Hutchins Street Reconstruction Project (attached and marked as Exhibit A) was posted at the following locations:

Lodi Public Library
Lodi City Clerk's Office
Lodi City Hall Lobby
Lodi Carnegie Forum

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 8, 2012, at Lodi, California.

ORDERED BY:

**RANDI JOHL
CITY CLERK**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jennifer M. Robison", is written over a horizontal line.

JENNIFER M. ROBISON, CMC
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

MARIA BECERRA
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK



DECLARATION OF MAILING

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION CERTIFYING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AS ADEQUATE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR THE HUTCHINS STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

On Thursday, March 8, 2012, in the City of Lodi, San Joaquin County, California, I deposited in the United States mail, envelopes with first-class postage prepaid thereon, containing Notice of Public Hearing to consider adopting resolution certifying Mitigated Negative Declaration as adequate environmental document for the *Hutchins* Street Reconstruction Project, attached hereto marked Exhibit A. The mailing list for said matter is attached hereto, marked Exhibit B.

There is a regular daily communication by mail between the City of Lodi, California, and the places to which said envelopes were addressed.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 8, 2012, at Lodi, California.

ORDERED BY:

RANDI JOHL
CITY CLERK, CITY OF **LODI**


JENNIFER M. ROBISON, CMC
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

MARIA BECERRA
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK



CITY OF LODI

Carnegie Forum
305 West Pine Street, Lodi

Date: March 21, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

For information regarding this notice please contact:

Randi Johl,
City Clerk

Telephone: (209) 333-6702

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, March 21, 2012**, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council will conduct a public hearing at the Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street, Lodi, to consider the following matter:

- a) **Resolution certifying Mitigated Negative Declaration as adequate environmental document for the Hutchins Street Reconstruction Project.**

Information regarding this item may be obtained in the Public Works Department, 221 West Pine Street, Lodi, (209) 333-6706. All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk, City Hall, 221 West Pine Street, 2nd Floor, Lodi, 95240, at any time prior to the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk, 221 West Pine Street, at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

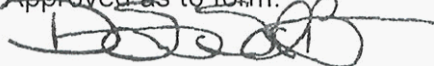
By Order of the Lodi City Council:



Randi Johl

Dated: March 7, 2012

Approved as to form:



D. Stephen Schwabauer
City Attorney

Public Hearing to Consider Adopting Resolution Certifying Mitigated Negative Declaration as
Adequate Environmental Document for the Hutchins Street Reconstruction Project

EXHIBIT B

APN	OWNER	ADDRESS	CITY STATE ZIP	SITUS
03319016	CASALEGNO, ROBERT A & CAROL S	321 S HUTCHINS ST	LODI CA 95240	321 S HUTCHINS ST
03319020	FIRST CLASS LODI LLC	655 MONTGOMERY ST #1705	SAN FRANCISCO CA 94111	305 S HUTCHINS ST
03319036	MEISLIN, KENNETH & VERA TR ETA	500 WASHINGTON ST #700	SAN FRANCISCO CA 94111	504 W LODI AVE
03720601	SUBLETT,	521 W PINE ST	LODI CA 95240	521 W PINE ST
03720603	KATZAKIAN, LORRAINE TR	503 W PINE ST	LODI CA 95240	503 W PINE ST
03720604	BANNISTER, CHRISTOPHER E & MIC	517 W PINE ST		517 W PINE ST
03720701	NEFF, ERIC W & ANDREA TR	4 S CALIFORNIA ST		4 S CALIFORNIA ST
03720702	BAUER, ANN A	508 W PINE ST	LODI CA 95240	508 W PINE ST
	SIEGLOCK, PALMA TR	506 W PINE ST		506 W PINE ST
03720704	BLOMGREN, GARY J & MARY ANN	PO BOX 896	VICTOR CA 95253	
03720705	BAFFONI, IVERN V TR ETAL	540 KENSINGTON WAY	LODI CA 95242	
03720706	BECHTHOLD, JANET R	15868 N HOERL RD	LODI CA 95240	
03720707	DAVIS, ARON R & KRISTI P	15 S HUTCHINS ST	LODI CA 95240	
03720708	SHOCK, TRACY G & JANAI R	PO BOX 3276	TRUCKEE CA 95160	
03720709	BIRD, MICHELLE L	1459 18TH ST PMB#142	SAN FRANCISCO CA 94107	21 S HUTCHINS ST
				23 S HUTCHINS ST
33720711	ROBINSON, LANCE C & KRISTIAN K	25 S HUTCHINS ST	LODI CA 95240	
		RD		
		CT		
		2161 DEBBIE LN		
		ST		
		18 S CALIFORNIA ST		
		14 S CALIFORNIA ST		
13720719	SARAH K JENSEN, JEFFERY & JULIE	10 S CALIFORNIA ST	LODI CA 95240	
03721015	KATZAKIAN, LORRAINE TR	1811 GRAND CANAL BLVD #5	STOCKTON CA 95207	
03721037	PARKER, AMOS R	PO BOX 582603	ELK GROVE CA 95758	

03728001	HALL, LONNIE MARIE BRIGGS TR.			
03728002	MCCAY, MICHAEL J & LINDA			
03728003	FITCH, TIMOTHY S & S			
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03729003	ROMSTAD, ARNE & RHONDA			
03729004	RAIN DANCE LLC		BAY CA 94505	
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03729042	GLENN, JERRY L ETAL	609 RUSTIC RANCH LN	LINCOLN CA 95648	413 W WALNUT ST
03729043	CHIURAZZI, RICHARD	5063 OAK MELLO CT	ELK GROVE CA 95758	425 W WALNUT ST
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03731030	GREGG, DARRYL E & RUTH L	811 YORK ST		
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03731035	TAKEMURA,	235 FAIRWAY DR		

		JTCHINS 241 S HUTCHINS ST	LODI CA 95240	241 S HUTCHINS ST
		ACAMPO 4867 E ACAMPO RD	ACAMPO CA 95220	235 S HUTCHINS ST
03731040	ROSENSTRAUCH, NEAL R & LISA D	PO BOX 340	RIVER PINES CA 95675	215 S HUTCHINS ST
03731041	JONES, HAL M & SHIRLEY A	ROSE ST 731 S ROSE ST	LODI CA 95240	211 S HUTCHINS ST
03731042	KENNEDY, JOHN T & SARAH	JTCHINS 207 S HUTCHINS ST	LODI CA 95240	207 S HUTCHINS ST
03731043		JTCHINS 201 S HUTCHINS ST	LODI CA 95240	201 S HUTCHINS ST
03731044	HELLER, DANNY	OX 7747 PO BOX 7747	STOCKTON CA 95267	501 W LODI AVE
03731045	MEL BOKIDES PETROLEUM INC	LODI AVE 707 BRISTOL AVE	STOCKTON CA 95204	515 W LODI AVE
03731051	SPIEKERMAN, NANCY H TR			
		890 OAK LEAF WAY	NAPA CA 94558	410 W LODI AVE
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